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Local entrepreneurs react to Ontario's Step 3 reopening

MIKE BAKER

Editor

"We're just happy and excited to see smiling faces once again," said Kate Butler, director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, on Friday, July 16 on what was the local facility's first day open in several months.

Life is starting to get a little more normal in the Highlands now that more COVID-19 restrictions implemented by the provincial government back in March are being lifted. With Friday ushering in Step 3 of Ontario's roadmap to reopen, many local businesses are looking forward to the weeks and months ahead.

Among those most excited is Lynda Shadbolt, who runs Haliburton Yoga.

On Monday evening [July 19], for the first time in over six months, Shadbolt welcomed individuals inside her studio for an in-person class. While only four people were allowed inside due to capacity limits implemented by the province, just being surrounded by people again was a huge win for Shadbolt.

"Oh my goodness, I'm just so excited. The whole reason I got into teaching yoga in the first place was because I love the sense of community. And I love the quiet. I love the quiet sense of community where people are together and actually not talking," Shadbolt said. "There's this unspoken, energetic connection, and I just love that. You don't get that when you're alone, by yourself in an empty studio."

Since Christmas, Shadbolt has been offering online classes via Zoom. While she's grateful for the opportunity to continue her business in an online format, Lynda admits it can be a little draining

running multiple classes from behind a screen.

With Step 3, all gyms, yoga studios and indoor fitness centres are allowed to reopen at 50 per cent capacity, which means Shadbolt intends to limit her online classes moving forward. She has stopped short, though of rolling out a full itinerary of in-person classes over the summer, instead committing only to her Monday evening classes, with any future classes dependent upon the weather.

"Generally, my plan for the summer is that I'll run classes on days when it's raining, or bad weather. It will be more of a pop-up kind of thing, where I'll send an email out and first come, first served kind of deal," Shadbolt said. "When we have weather like we've been having recently, people should be spending time outside."

Shadbolt will return to her regular schedule of five classes per week in September.

Museums and galleries were a couple of other businesses allowed to reopen. Butler said there was a steady line of visitors at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Friday.

"It was a busy day, for sure. We're just absolutely delighted to be open again... It feels like a step on the road back to things being the way we want them to be," Butler said. "We had several small groups through for tours [on Friday]. People are looking for things to do right now, and it was nice to be able to open our doors and welcome them inside."

The museum has been closed since March. All that down time has given Butler the opportunity to map out her summer, and plan some exciting events for the community.

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Fun in the sun

Ella Hirstwood, five, plays at the beach during Rocky Railway summer programming at Head Lake Park on Friday, July 19 in Haliburton. The summer children's programming offered by the Lakeside Church includes theology, teaching participants who God is and who Jesus is. The programming's theme is "Jesus' power pulls us through." Each group, every week participates in indoor and outdoor sessions, with scavenger hunts and beach fun in neighbouring Head Lake Park for five days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are two more participant groups and the program continues for two more weeks./DARREN LUM Staff



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Bugsy Watson, gone, but never forgotten

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The NHL and everyone that knew the rugged defencemen with a heart of gold are mourning the passing of Bryan "Bugsy" Watson.

One of five children, Bugsy was born in Bancroft on Nov. 14, 1942. His father worked for the municipality and his mother was a home maker. Watson died from pneumonia in St. Michaels, Maryland on July 8. He was 78 years of age.

Over the course of his career, Bugsy played in 877 NHL career games at defence from 1963 to 1978, starting his career with the Montreal Canadiens in 1963 and finishing his hockey playing career with Cincinnati in the World Hockey Association in 1979. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lindy and their children Stephen Watson and Lisa Watson, a sister and brother and two grandsons, as reported by the *Washington Post*.

He was as tough as they come, said long-time Eagle Lake resident and retired NHLer Walt McKechnie of his good friend, who he played with for five years on the Detroit Red Wings and the Washington Capitals.

"There are so many words I can use to describe him, but if you're talking about how he acted on the ice and the way he played I can sum it up in one word, fearless. He was absolutely fearless. No matter how big you were. How tough you were. If you wanted to go [fight], Bugsy would oblige you," he said.

The two were also neighbours for a time on Eagle Lake before Bugsy sold his seasonal residence in the 1980s. He returned to town regularly. McKechnie said Bugsy being allowed to rent the home in the summer was part of the sale agreement.

The Dysart councillor remembers meeting Bugsy for the first time when they were both at the Hockey Haven hockey school in Haliburton during the early-1970s.

It wasn't just his hockey that people remember Bugsy for, McKechnie said.

"He was a great friend. Off the ice he was very well-liked and respected. A lot of people on Eagle Lake, Moose Lake and Haliburton Lake and all around this area are all getting in touch with me and all sharing a story. There are so many great times we had with him," he said. "I remember him as a good family man. His wife Lindy, they were a great couple and his two kids, Stevie and Lisa."

He adds every summer when Bugsy came to the area his friend always made a point of going to Curry Motors to share some laughs with the likes of Don Popple.

At 5'9" and 175 pounds, Bugsy was not physically imposing during his NHL days.

What he lacked for in size, he more than made up for in his drive, aggression and commitment to the team. It was this com-



Bryan "Bugsy" Watson was a formidable and difficult opponent on the ice, but was a great friend and neighbour to people such as Walt McKechnie of Eagle Lake. Submitted by Walt McKechnie

mitment to winning that earned Bugsy his nickname by virtue of his irritating play while covering star players such as Bobby Hull, who was a top goal scorer of the 1970s.

McKechnie adds there is more to Bugsy than the numbers he spent in the penalty box.

"He was a way better hockey player than [he was given credit for] ... his penalty minutes kind of took away from how good a hockey player he really was," he said.

He adds, "He was probably one of the best backwards skaters I've ever seen. But he was tough. If he was on your team, you'd better be prepared - there was going to be some action. If it wasn't happening, he would stir it up."

During the 1977-1978 season while playing for the Capitals, McKechnie remembers how Bugsy always led the charge

against the infamous "Broadstreet Bullies" of Philadelphia.

McKechnie said Bugsy chose to cottage in Eagle Lake, knowing the area. He grew up in Bancroft and was also a Hockey Haven regular, which was run by Jim Gregory and Wren Blair. They looked to recruit players like Bugsy from the Haliburton and surrounding area to help teach the next generation.

Parties were something of a specialty for Bugsy during the 1970s and 1980s, McKechnie said.

"Used to be called Bugy's corn roast. Bugsy's and Lindy's corn roast. I'm telling you there would be a couple hundred people there. He'd have live music and they used to put on these skits," he said.

He adds son, Steve, would also play with the band. There was often a theme related to these parties such as Motown or

country and western.

Many of these parties would go on until early the next morning.

"The reason he got away with it back then was because he made sure everyone on the lake was invited," he said. "If you didn't come, you couldn't complain."

McKechnie expects a big party when his family can cross the border from the U.S.

In addition to amassing 2,214 penalty minutes during his 16-year NHL career with Montreal, Detroit, Oakland, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Washington, Bugsy was also recognized for his humanitarian efforts with the Charlie Conacher Humanitarian Award in 1978, which was related to his work with the Special Olympics.

Minden resident and retired NHLer Ron Stackhouse laughs for several seconds before answering what it was like to play against Bugsy.

"I remember playing Pittsburgh one time and there was a bit of a scrap between a couple of guys and Bugsy was looking for something to do, so I just grabbed a hold of Bugs because I've known him for years at the hockey school. I said Bugs, just cool it, you know? He said, 'Yeah, yeah, I know.' No sooner I let go of him and he took a swing at me. I'm about a foot taller than him, right? He and I had a bit of a wrestling match. That was just him," he said. "That was his forte was causing disturbances on the ice."

Stackhouse said he worked alongside Bugsy and McKechnie at the Hockey Haven during the summer and spent time also at social events up in the area with the other NHLers.

He remembers a mischievous side to Bugsy and how no one was immune, including Toronto Maple Leafs legend, Johnny Bower.

"John would commute up here from somewhere down Fenelon [Falls] way or whatnot, but Bugsy told him one time that somebody had lost a horse somewhere down his way and wondered, 'if he had seen it driving back and forth?' And John said, 'No, I haven't. I'll keep my eye out.' Bugs had him looking for this non-existent horse. He would get a report from Johnny Bower every time he came up. Johnny would say, 'I've looked and saw this one and that one, but I didn't see that horse,'" he said, barely able to speak for the laughter. "He was always stirring the pot in some way."

Loss is difficult, but with Bugsy it's not long before the tears of sorrow are replaced with tears of joy for the life lived and remembered.

"I've been talking to his son quite a bit in the last few days. We start off having a bit of a cry, but before long we're laughing. We're telling stories about what's gone on. He was a great guy. He sure left his mark, like I said," Stackhouse said.

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The story behind new Turtle Guardians mural at Baked & Battered

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

"We're in this together. We share the same future," is the message that artist Stacey Kinder painted along the bottom of her mural that is displayed on the wall of Baked & Battered in Haliburton.

Last summer, Leora Berman, founder of The Land Between and Turtle Guardians, had asked the owners of Baked & Battered, Colby Marcellus and Craig Gordon, if one of her staff could paint a mural on their building.

The Land Between "works to achieve bioregionalism; a sense of place and active broad stewardship that is rooted in the understanding that our wellbeing comes from the land," as noted on the website. Turtle Guardians is a program of The Land Between that works to save the lives of turtles and their habitats.

"Turtle Guardians evolved because we needed to save turtles, and we wanted to recruit kids and communities to saving turtles. We wanted to make it a public effort to save turtles," expressed Leora.

Stacey had been working for The Land Between and felt the mural was a perfect way to spread awareness about turtle mortality.

"As an ecologist, I study the relationships between plants, animals and their physical surroundings," she said. "This mural was an opportunity to hold conversations about the key role snappers play in wetlands, and reverse the stigma against them."

Kinder has been painting murals for around seven years and has work featured in several communities across southern Ontario, most of them in Toronto. Her work stems from her connection with nature and the ecosystem.

"I have spent a lifetime growing a deep connection with the unique lakes and forests here, that have undoubtedly shaped my soul," she noted.

Kinder painted the mural alone and feels very passionately about the message that it sends.

"My murals celebrate local ecosystems and wildlife that co-habits with people. Murals bring communities together. We live together amongst an incredibly unique and diverse ecosystem, along with



Stacey Kinder's Turtle Guardian mural was painted in the summer of 2020 on the side of Baked & Battered. It took Stacey about 3 weeks to complete this mural. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

every plant and animal... hence the quote on the mural; 'We're in this together. We share the same future,'" she said.

The owners of Baked & Battered, Marcellus and Gordon, were more than happy to offer their wall to Stacey and her work.

"I will say that from our perspective, for Craig and I, it was an easy thing for us and an exciting thing for us to be able to do for this issue," noted Marcellus.

The mural, which took around three weeks to complete, was painted on Baked & Battered because of its central location. There are numerous people who walk by the restaurant daily, and many have stopped to notice and compliment the mural.

"We see a lot of folks coming and taking pictures of it or taking selfies in front of it. This tells us that it is working, right. It tells us that people are noticing. It has attracted a lot of attention" mentioned Colby.

"All of the messages Turtle Guardians and The Land Between has, was important to get out through this mural. Baked & Battered was a perfect location because

of the high visibility and high traffic for people who live in the county," said Leora.

Jeremiah is Turtle Guardians' ambassador for the turtles, and is pictured in the mural. Based on her size, Jeremiah is around 70 years old. A couple years ago, she was hit by a car. As a result, her carapace was crushed and part of her beak is cracked. Due to the fact that her carapace was crushed, she is unable to use her back legs. She has been in rehab with Berman and Turtle Guardians for five years and

uses a skateboard to get around.

Shortly after being rescued, Berman adopted Jeremiah and put her into physiotherapy.

"Jeremiah was taken to the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre and they called us and asked if we wanted to adopt her because she can't walk or swim," Berman said. "Turtles have points of origin, from their territory, so they can't just go anywhere. This means they have to be returned to their territory."

Both Berman and Kinder believe that Jeremiah is the best fit for the mural because of what she represents.

"Jeremiah is a really beautiful soul. She communicates all the amazing things about turtles, and the threat to turtles as well," said Berman.

"Jeremiah is an example of our need to find better ways to co-exist with wildlife," said Kinder.

The response from the community has been overwhelming.

"As I painted, community members shared their snapper stories and were eager to know more about them. I am so thankful for the opportunity to connect with community members and create something unifying," noted Stacey.

In the upcoming months, there are plans for a plaque to be installed next to the mural that will provide more information and explain its purpose.

"We want to put a plaque next to the mural to tell Jeremiah's story. We'll probably design that and put that out later this fall," explained Leora.

For more information about The Land Between and Turtle Guardians, visit www.thelandbetween.ca/ and www.turtleguardians.com/.

Virtual open house on shoreline bylaw

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Staff Reporter

There will be a virtual open house on the creation of a draft shoreline preservation bylaw for the County of Haliburton on the evening of Thursday, July 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The open house will be hosted by representatives from Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. and J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd., the consultants hired by county for the creation of the draft bylaw.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the open house is asked to register by contacting Stephen Stone, the county's new director of planning, at ssone@haliburtoncounty.ca Those who do not wish to speak can still view the meeting as it happens on the county's YouTube channel, or watch it there after the fact as meetings are recorded.

The county had begun meetings regarding the drafting of a bylaw aimed at protecting lake health by restricting site

alteration and the removal of vegetation near water bodies in early 2020. However, there was significant controversy and public criticism of a draft bylaw – particularly a recommended setback of 30-metres for site alteration and vegetation removal – as well as the in-house process the county had undertaken, and in January of this year, council decided to abandon that process and instead hire a consultant for the creation of a draft bylaw.

The public engagement process the consultants are undertaking will include open houses, surveys and one-on-one interviews with identified stakeholders and municipal representatives. They will also conduct a scientific review and review of successful practices in other communities. It is expected a new draft shoreline preservation bylaw will come before council for approval by October.

For more information, contact Jason Ferrigan, senior planner with J.L. Richards & Associates at 705-806-4422 or jferrigan@jlrchards.ca; or planner Gaurang Khandelwal at 226-770-3317 or gkhandelwal@jlrchards.ca

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Forbes to stand for Liberals once again in upcoming federal election

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Judi Forbes, a small business owner and retired bank manager, will stand as the Liberal candidate in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the next federal election.

The local Liberal association announced on July 14 that Forbes had successfully completed the nomination application process and has been acclaimed as the party's candidate.

The next federal election is set to take place on or before Oct. 16, 2023.

Forbes and her family have lived within the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock region for the past 10 years, residing in Beaverton. In a release to media last week, the Liberal association described her as a "passionate volunteer" who is "dedicated to helping others." Forbes currently serves as board chair of a nursing home within the riding, treasurer of the Brock Board of Trade and chairs the Brock Tourism Advisory Committee.

She represented the party in the 2019 federal election, receiving 17,067 votes, good enough for 26 per cent of the local vote. She finished second behind sitting Conservative MP Jamie Schmale.

With a little over two years to go before the next federal election, Forbes says she intends to spend that time wisely and connect with area residents to build on the foundations she believes the party established in the local riding in 2019.

The most pressing concern for her, however, is ensuring communities across the riding remain strong and recover from

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I will fight for the support needed for all communities in this riding to recover better and stronger.

— Judi Forbes

the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am a lot like many others in this riding. I work hard and I care for my family, my friends and my community," Forbes said. "I have been affected, as many here have been, by this pandemic and I will work hard to bring to the residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock the kind of progress we have seen in neighbouring ridings."

She added, "I will fight for the support needed for all communities in this riding to recover better and stronger."

Judi Forbes is the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal nominee for the upcoming federal election. /Photo provided



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New initiative aims to drive tourism, celebrate the Highlands

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization has launched a new regional reopening campaign designed to support area businesses, ignite local tourism and stimulate the economy.

The initiative is centred around inspiring individuals to travel locally, and shines a spotlight on the people and places that makes the Highlands so special. The 'Connections Campaign', launched this month and operating through to Spring 2022, is anchored by a video series that features the stories of seven "inspiring" locals and their unique connections to the region.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it was evident that people came out to support one another. It also became very clear that it is our residents, the people who live here, who are the backbone to our region and who make it so special," said Julie Mulligan, marketing manager at OHTO, when asked what inspired this new campaign.

"With that, we wanted to use a documentary series to showcase the people who live here, share their stories, and show their special connection to the place we all call home," she continued. "With these special connections, we hope that locals use this opportunity to reconnect with the place they live and what they think is special about this area. With this sense of connection, people will rediscover local first and travel local."

The first Highlands resident to be featured in the series is Stefi Van Wijk, from the Madawaska Kanu Centre near Barry's Bay. In the video, she shares her story of her "special connection" to water and, in particular, the Madawaska River.

Haliburton-based musical duo Nick and Benton will be the focus of the series' second video. The pair have been playing together since 2018. They have seen some success locally for their popular Bonfire Sessions, where they provide private concerts to area residents at their home or cottage – preferably around a bonfire, or on a dock.

That second video will go live later this year.

Also, throughout the duration of this campaign, OHTO will also be releasing a number of themed 'staycation' itineraries and specially focused content of must-dos within the region, as recommended by those who live here.

The organization has also been working on a new Community Champions Program that recognizes the efforts of local residents. Through this program, Highlands residents can nominate a local group or organization that has gone above and beyond over the past year to strengthen their community, advocate for the environment, or help preserve the natural wonders of the Highlands.

Following the nomination period, the public will vote on the finalists to determine which organization will receive \$3,000 to help support their ongoing initiatives.

"This campaign is our way of making it easier to go out and explore, feel a huge sense of pride for where we live and how we can contribute to tourism recovery," said Nicole Whiting, OHTO executive director.

For more information on this new campaign, visit our-connections.ca.

Correction

The provided password for e-transferring funds to help with pay for the new wall murals was not intended to be released to the *Echo*, as printed in the story *Community fundraising efforts in full swing for Tashlin, Williams* that appeared in our July 13 edition. Please follow the steps from the story, but telephone Cindy Watson at the municipal office at (705) 457-1740 ext. 630 for the password.

Guilford laundromat under new ownership, will be business as usual

community news

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Reg and Shirley Letourneau are moving from their home at the end of Pine Lake to be near their son and family in the Kingston area. We welcome Rob and Anna Lowes who will take over that property on Nila Road.

Not that it's news now, but the lakes & river system from Eagle Lake to Beach Lake and beyond are at normal levels again, thanks be!

Our neighbour, Darek Rolfe, is in hospital due to pneumonia. Pam is grateful indeed to ambulance crew for prompt assistance.

Bill's store continues with the influx of customers, local and cottagers both on weekends and week days.

The Guilford laundromat has been sold and while I don't have names, I'm told that it is "carrying on" as usual according to caregiver, cleaner and general maintenance man Brad Bryant.

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<https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/planning-and-maps/resources/Documents/2021-Draft-Shoreline-Preservation-Bylaw.pdf>

If you wish to speak at the open house, please register by contacting Stephen Stone, Director of Planning, County of Haliburton at ssstone@haliburtoncounty.ca

You are welcome to send any feedback to the consultants by emailing:

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Common sense has to prevail

Ontario Premier Doug Ford surprised me once again last week, and not in a good way.

During a press conference last Thursday, Ford said he would not make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for healthcare workers, informing media it is people's constitutional right to decide whether or not they want to get the shot.

He's absolutely right in that regard – inoculations have always been a personal choice. People can't be forced to put something in their bodies against their will.

There are, however, repercussions for those decisions. It's always been that way.

Right here in Ontario, in order to attend school students must prove they have been vaccinated against a wealth of different diseases, including diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, whooping cough and chickenpox.

Any student who isn't vaccinated against any one of the above runs the risk of being removed from school – at least until they get their shot. Now, there are *some* exemptions. A child can be freed from the responsibility of being vaccinated due to medical reasons, or religious beliefs. Even then, they are forced to watch an educational video highlighting why it's important to be vaccinated.

So, while students aren't exactly made to get a particular vaccine, they will be extremely inconvenienced if they, or their parents, decide they don't want them to have it.

There are similar guidelines and regulations in effect at many job sites across the country, including, you guessed it, at hospitals and health care facilities.

It seems strange then at a time when the entire planet has been ravaged by COVID-19 that health care workers in Ontario wouldn't be told to get the vaccine that protects not only them against it, but also the people they treat.

And there is a precedent, by the way. Both France and Greece announced last week that they will be making the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for anyone that wants to work in the healthcare sector. More countries are expected to follow suit.

I understand that, for most, this is a moot point. The vast majority of health care workers have been vaccinated. At Haliburton Highlands Health Services recent annual general meeting, CEO and president Carolyn Plummer announced that 80 per cent of the hospital's staff had been fully vaccinated. Those statistics likely ring true for most health facilities across the province.

Still, there are a select few who refuse to be vaccinated.

The Hippocratic Oath undertaken by health care professionals states "first, do no harm." I'm sorry, but anyone working inside our hospitals, our long-term care homes, or anywhere that treats other people cannot say they are following that oath while they stand firm on not getting a vaccine.

I've seen the arguments that say the vaccine isn't a cure, that it only decreases the chances of contracting COVID-19 and therefore shouldn't be seen as a necessity. It's true, the vaccine is only effective around 95 per cent, meaning there is a chance you can still get COVID even after getting both your shots. Just like there is a chance of you being seriously hurt if you get into a car accident while wearing a seatbelt. Still, you're probably going to want to go on wearing that seatbelt.

I sense I'm dragging this on a bit now... I guess my point is, if you don't want to get the COVID-19 vaccine, then fine. That's your right. But the minute it starts to impact other people – especially people who are vulnerable, coming to you for help – that's when common sense has to prevail.

Bottom line, health care workers, do the right thing. Get vaccinated, whether Doug Ford says you have to or not.



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Editorial



Sign of the times

by Darren Lum

The light in the lantern

I DRINK YOGI tea often. It's a brand name, and all of their flavours are yummy.

I drank it when my daughter was little because each tea bag comes with an inspirational quote attached. I read them to my daughter, and her friend who came every day for years. They made us laugh and also gave us lots to talk about. The quotes gave us a challenge to consider for our day or our life or our relationships.

I had a cup of tea this week and the attached quote was "It is the light in the lantern which shows you the path, not the lantern." I immediately tucked the thought away for a time when I would need some inspiration.

I woke up on Sunday morning feeling grumpy and tired and not inspired to write this article. I had nothing to write about or say. I was not feeling inspired at all. I was not feeling any light within me. The end.

But what is a girl to do when it's her week to submit?

These are the times when I have to dive deep inside myself and find the light. I know this happens to everyone from time to time. We all forget the light that is in us. I dragged myself out of bed and suggested to my husband that we go somewhere different for our morning walk with our dog, Billie Rose. A change of perspective might help I thought.

We decided to go to Barnum Creek Nature Reserve to check out the bird boxes that we had put up a few months ago in the big field on the five kilometre trail. As soon as I was walking I felt more alive and brighter. We got to the field and

there was a plethora of wildflowers: Tufted Vetch, Goats Beard, Purple and White Clover, Black Eyed Susans. Ox-Eye Daisies, Bird's-Foot Trefoil, Raspberries, Milkweed, Jacob's Ladder, Tall Meadow-Rue and Spreading Dogbane to name a few.

As we walked through the tall grass we noticed there were Monarch butterflies everywhere. Obviously there was lots of food for them in the field. It was magical. They floated through the air, in front of

us, to our sides and behind. I watched them and could feel myself becoming lighter and more inspired.

Paying attention to beauty helps light the light!

Jim also told me that he was seeing other species of butterflies: Wood Nymphs, Dunn Skippers and Great Spangled Fritillaries. It was a festival of butterflies. It was quiet.

The sun was shining, the birds were singing and in that moment I remembered that being in nature lights me up. I was evolving as I walked through the field.

It is so important that we each know what lights us up. It's different for everyone. I have a friend who gets out of bed every morning and goes stand-up paddle boarding. Another drinks coffee and reads a book. Another goes for a run. Some go to their garden or make a piece of art or bake. Some meditate and do tai chi or yoga. There are so many possibilities.

We ended our walk and came home, and here I sit writing my article. The light in my lantern is lit!

I'm so grateful for the natural world.

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points of view

Directionally challenged

THIS WEEKEND I was on a mission to take my new canoe to fish a little lake that I haven't visited in about 10 years. This explains why I was a bit fuzzy on where the boat launch was.

I turned down a road and remembered there was another turn to get to the launch, but I couldn't remember which one it was.

So, as a man drove towards me, I flagged him down and politely asked him for directions to the launch of the lake, which shall remain nameless. He immediately gave me extremely accurate directions to the launch of an unconnected, neighbouring lake.

I quickly repeated the name of the lake I wanted to visit, just so there was no misunderstanding. Then he, apparently, deliberately misled me again.

Presumably, he did this because he had a place on the lake I wanted to fish on. Worse still, he even waited for me so he could point me to the launch of a neighbouring lake, which I was well-aware of.

By this time, my canoe straps needed tightening after being on the rough roads I had been on, so I followed him briefly to the main road where it was level, did a quick turn in the direction he pointed and then immediately stopped re-tied my canoe and went back and found the launch all by myself.

Look, I am fully aware that he was under no obligation to help me out. I get that.

But he wasn't just unhelpful.

He went the extra mile and deliberately tried to confuse me – which is something I have never needed help with.

This makes me wonder why it was so important for him to steer me away from the lake. I presume he had good reason. Maybe he saw my fly rod in the back of the SUV and realized the imminent danger it presented to his inflatable lake toys? Perhaps, he mistook me for the type who would leave too much of a wake or make too much noise while fly fishing alone out of my 14-foot canoe? It could be, he told his wife, guests or kids, after a few unsuccessful outings, that there were no fish in the lake, and therefore did not want anyone else to have a chance to prove he was wrong. Or he just might have been a canoe hater, which is perhaps the most un-Canadian thing a person can be.

I would even be OK if he said he didn't want someone so directionally challenged to get lost on his lake.

That I'd understand completely.

But, my guess is he just didn't want anyone else on "his lake." Which is why I'll fish it once a week from now until summer ends.

I guess this is so off-putting because I was brought up with a gentlemanly code that says when people ask you for directions you do your level best to help them out – and then you depart feeling vastly superior. And, like many of you, I have done this countless times for anyone who has asked. That's because it is the right thing to do.

But maybe that man, despite his Tilley hat, did not know this. Maybe he just needs to be shown.

That's why I honestly hope we will one day meet again, and this time he is the one asking for directions.

I would like nothing better than to tell him where to go.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Ross Casey with work horses Pete and Prince at Pine Lake in Gooderham in the 1940s
Photo submitted by Gary Casey. This photo first ran in July 2011.

letters to the editor

Climate change is real

To the Editor,

There are more than 300 wildfires burning across British Columbia, with dozens more in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. Driven by the extreme heat wave that rolled across the country earlier this summer, these fires should make one thing crystal clear, climate change is real, it's here and our politicians aren't acting at the scale and pace we need.

For years, Justin Trudeau has tried to style him-

self as a climate leader while failing to do the two most important things to tackle the climate crisis – stopping fossil fuel expansion and legislating a just transition for workers and communities.

Canada is on fire and we need our government to step up and do what's necessary to put it out.

Sylvia Brecht
Bancroft

The things you find on the side of the road

To the Editor,

First, congratulations to those local community groups and private individuals that volunteer their time and efforts to clean up roadside litter. It is heartening to see in local media and when travelling the roads.

What is disheartening, is that we have to do this at all in 2021.

Like many, I have done roadside cleanups, most recently on Kennisis Lake Road. Having done the same stretch over a few consecutive years I would note that each year we collected as much, or more, than we had the previous year. What does that say?

The group did both sides of an eight kilometre stretch, for a collective total of sixteen kilometres. We always collected around 1,000 beer cans/ bot-

tles and various fast food packaging items, some from restaurants that were at least one and a half hours away! There were also some choice items like mattresses, stoves and other odds and ends. The most prolific item? Cigarette butts!

Last April on the Ritchie Falls Road, I picked up 34 beer cans along a stretch of about a third of a kilometre. There was, of course, other litter as well.

Perhaps that's enough said. This summer is a similar story so far. To ask why this is happening would be a moot point. The question to me is, what can we do about it? Wherein lies the answer?

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Haliburton youth grows organic foods for families

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

Evan Armstrong has a unique way of making sure that local families are eating healthy.

At just 16 years old, Armstrong has created his own summer job - growing local organic foods for 10 local families at Waverley Brook Farm this summer.

As an athlete, a healthy lifestyle has always been an important aspect of Armstrong's life, and now he wants to give back to the community.

"Organic food is something that's very important to me and my family. Eating healthy has always been important, and I'm a big athlete so I like to stay as healthy as possible," he said.

Jean and Godfrey Tyler spent more than two decades preparing food boxes for families in their earlier years. Now that Jean is retiring, Evan has taken the job of creating the boxes, getting family members to sign up, weeding, and harvesting every Tuesday.

"When we shifted, a number of years ago, out of the food box CSA (community shared agriculture), we invited people to come and learn, but nobody picked up on it until Evan. I can't do the work that I used to be able to do, and so it's wonderful that Evan can. When Evan talked with us about it, we met and set up a plan," said Jean.

"Our goal that we set from the beginning of the year was to raise healthy produce on a large scale for sale. We're making organic food boxes for people who signed up," noted Evan.

Another one of Evan's goals is to make sure that the produce is always fresh.

"The majority of it [the produce] is picked the day the families come. It's tricky to learn the techniques of harvesting fresh in this kind of heat, and so those are some of the learnings, but he's figuring it out," said Jean.

At the beginning of the year, there were flyers sent out at Evan's parent's workplace, and to people who came in



At 16 years old, Evan Armstrong started his own job with care of the land by growing local organic foods for 10 families in the community on Waverley Brook Farm. He spends many hours during the week at the farm to make sure his produce is of great quality. / GRACE OBORNE Staff

and out of the farm. From there, 10 families were selected to receive the food boxes weekly.

Every week, Evan puts in long hours to make sure that his produce quality is nothing short of excellent. Each Tuesday, Evan arrives at the farm to harvest for around three hours. Then, throughout the week, he comes to the farm to weed. Jean and Godfrey have helped to prepare the land with manure using a tractor and have the overhead irrigation system in place for the water.

When the time comes to put together the food boxes, Evan said he spends at least 10 minutes on it. Another 10 minutes a week could be added to the time he spends with the food boxes if there is more produce to go around.

"If we have surplus and people would like produce outside of the box, we can certainly do that. That would be another, depending on the week, maybe 10 minutes," said Evan.

Evan is growing many foods ranging from vegetables to fruits. Some examples include beets, carrots, corn, cilantro, dill, red lettuce, mesquite mix, sugar peas, snap peas, spinach, squash, swiss chard, green beans, yellow beans, purple beans, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, kale, asparagus, rhubarb, and apples.

Evan and the Tylers first connected through Evan's parents. Evan's parents were members of their CSA, and Evan was originally working in his grandmother's garden until she sold her property.

Ultimately, Evan's parents expressed to Godfrey that



he had been looking for a summer job and Jean and Godfrey obliged. Since Evan started with the initiative earlier this year, the Tylers have been very impressed.

"I have to say, anybody that I have met, who knows Evan is very, very impressed by his work ethic, by who he is as a young man, in sports and in his work. Everybody really likes him and thinks very highly of him. We are just as impressed as well," explained Jean.

Evan says the satisfaction of the job comes when he sees the smiling faces of the families he's providing food to.

"This makes me feel pretty good. I'm helping them to eat healthy, which was one of the goals I had with the farm," he said. "So far, I haven't had any bad reactions to the food boxes or their quality. Everyone seems to be pleased, which is a great thing."

Jean and Godfrey's focus, along with Evan's, is care of the land.

"If you take care of the land, the land will take care of us. That's what we have found, and what we've mentored with, and that's what we want to continue to do. If there is anyone interested in supporting Evan, or creating their own business, we have enough land," states Jean.

"If kids are wanting their volunteer hours, they're more than welcome to come help weed. Anybody who comes to help, would have an opportunity to learn and gain hours. Kids, or young adults could come here and help weed and harvest" noted Evan.

For more information, email Jean and Godfrey at jean-andgodfreytyler@gmail.com.

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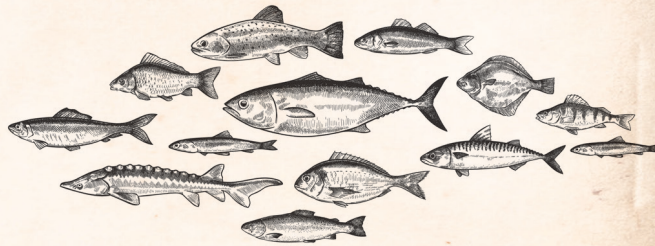
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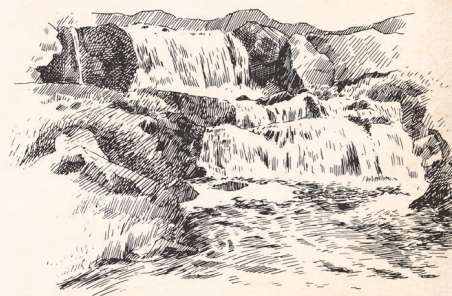
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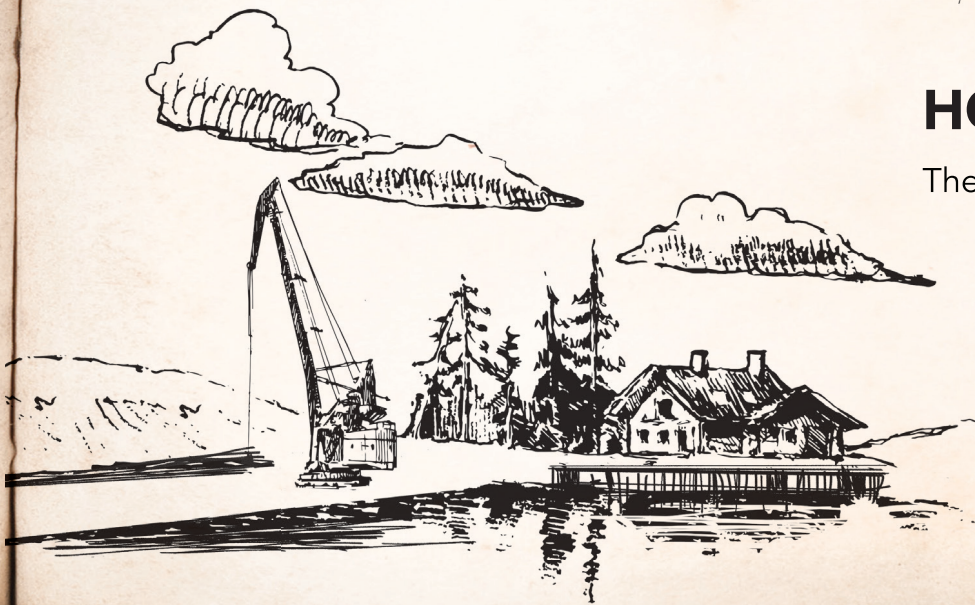
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Creativity showcased on Kennisis

Retired teacher and vice-principal, Marleen Campbell, is standing next to one of her oil paintings that she exhibited during Art on the Dock, that took place on Kennisis Lake this past Saturday and Sunday. /GRACE OBORNE Staff



Shea Mazzucco is seen knitting indy-dyed superfine merino socks to display and sell during Art on the Dock. Shea has been knitting since the young age of 5.

Richard Bond's art is made entirely out of glass. He does this by cutting, sandblasting, and layering different pieces of multicoloured opaque glass. He has been an artist for 40 years and has recieved many awards.



Rachel Charyk is pictured standing next to her oil paintings that she arranged at Art on the Dock. Rachel mainly paints landscapes and gathers inspiration from all over southern Ontario.



Rachel Charyk frequently visits Kennisis Lake to find inspiration for her work, and to spend time painting. Cottagers and locals enjoyed Rachel's oil paintings that she put out for display this past weekend.



Shea Mazzucco had various products laid out for cottagers and locals to purchase. Shea called them "Socks on the Dock."

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Children listen to guest speaker Heather Alloway speak about how "small ideas come from the heart" during her session about empowerment during Rocky Railway summer programming at Lakeside Church on Friday, July 19 in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

Play the Bay event raising funds to clean up Drag Lake

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Drag Lake resident Glen Bowker is hoping to bring people together and have a good time on July 31, all in the name of preserving the place he calls his home away from home.

The 51-year-old has cottaged in the Highlands for much of his life. He recently purchased a property on Drag Lake, beside the place he regularly frequented with his parents. Drag Lake has long been one of his favourite spots on earth, however over the past three years he's noticed something that has prevented him from enjoying his property as much as he would like.

Eurasian watermilfoil is an invasive aquatic plant that grows under the water surface, and has been known to completely take over bodies of water it sets root in. The plants can be quite dense, and, when fully grown, make it difficult for people to navigate a boat around, and make a lake extremely unappealing for swimming.

Bowker says he first noticed Eurasian watermilfoil on Drag Lake in 2018.

"It really is a cancer to water systems," Bowker said. "It's such a dangerous plant, because it spreads like wildfire. If you try to pull out the plant, or cut it in half, you basically get two or three plants instead of one. It just multiplies."

He believes the invasive species was introduced to Drag Lake by way of a fishing boat, which had encountered Eurasian watermilfoil in another lake or river.

And so, in an attempt to control the pieces of Eurasian watermilfoil that have already taken root in Drag Lake, Bowker has found an organization that can treat the plants and ensure they aren't quite so visible and that they don't spread.

"There are agencies that come out with divers and they'll go beneath the surface and cover up the Eurasian watermilfoil bed with a matting, I believe it's a bamboo matting," Bowker said. "There's no way to actually get rid of this thing, once its roots are in the ground they're there to stay. But if we cover it up, it lowers the risk of people interacting with the plant and helping to spread it."

This treatment costs around \$10,000 per day.

With that in mind, Bowker got together with some of his friends to organize a fundraising event. They're calling it Play the Bay.

The idea, Bowker says, is for his band to take a pontoon boat out onto the water on July 31 and travel to different spots across the lake and play sets for families, who can watch on from their property.

"We are planning to leave east bay at around 10 a.m. and then go around Drag Lake, across into Spruce Lake and then come back to Drag Lake in a clockwise fashion," Bowker said. "I imagine we'll be out for most of the day, and we're really looking forward to it."

His five-piece band specializes in classic rock, and boasts a vocalist, lead guitarist, rhythm guitar, percussion and bass. They cover songs from bands such as The Tragically Hip, The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Van Morrison, April Wine and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

"We have a wide range of sounds and music that should appeal to people of all ages – mostly from the 60s, 70s and 80s, but it's just good music," Bowker said.

He is charging individuals \$100 per song, but is encouraging neighbours to band together to create their own personal set list that can be played at a central bay.

As of press time, Play the Bay has already raised \$7,800.

Anything raised above and beyond the \$10,000 needed to carry out the treatments on Drag Lake this year will be carried over to help cover additional treatments in the future.

"Unfortunately, Eurasian watermilfoil is here to stay. Unfortunately, we can't really use the word eradicate anymore, because we know that no matter what we do we're not going to be able to completely get rid of it," Bowker said. "Even if we were to manage to cover it all up and stop it from spreading, all it really takes is for another boat from another lake to pop in and then all of a sudden we've got more of it. So, the reality is, we're not trying to eradicate. We're trying to identify and control."

Anyone interested in having Bowker and his band play a set on July 31 should contact him directly at bowkerglen@gmail.com. He will be taking requests up until July 29, at which point he will work on figuring out a route for the day.



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Inside dining, no restrictions on groups a big win for restaurants

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"For the first week or so, we'll be doing the tours, which are self-guided so people can explore things on their own... But I'm certainly looking forward to the coming weeks. We're hoping to do some pop-up programming in some of our outdoor spaces. Our farmstead buildings will be reopening in a couple of days," Butler said. "And then also, coming up in the next week or so, we'll be starting to post some details of some historical walking tours that we're going to be offering around town."

The museum, located at 66 Museum Rd. in Haliburton, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The restaurant industry is another to benefit from Step 3, with indoor dining once again permitted and no restrictions on the number of individuals who eat at one table.

McKee's Tap and Grill in Haliburton has been jam packed, both indoors and on the patio, pretty well since Friday afternoon.

"It's been great. We definitely like to see some life back in the place, and seeing customers in the dining room," said Aaron Walker, who owns McKee's alongside his wife, Melissa. "There's been a great response. I'd say we're pretty much as busy as we were in 2019. There's definitely been a lot of pent up demand – this is a long time coming."

Dominion Hotel Pub in Minden has been able to take advantage of their outdoor spaces thus far this summer, meaning the opening of indoor dining hasn't had much of an impact on their business over the first couple of days.

One aspect that owner Shawn Chamberlin is excited about, however, is the



Staff at Kosy Korner in Haliburton are thrilled that inside dining is now open. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

removal of restrictions on group outings.

"That's significant for us. As you know, the limit [under Step 2] was six people at a table, and I think that was ridiculous. We had so many people that would come in, say a couple and their three kids and then they're bringing grandma and grandpa to celebrate a birthday. Well, unfortunately, we had to make grandma or grandpa sit at a table on their own because we couldn't have more than six people in one place. It just didn't make any sense at all," Chamberlin said. "Now that they've eliminated that restriction, things are wonderful. That's what's exciting for us."

At Maple Avenue Tap and Grill in Haliburton, owner Andy Oh said he was pleased to see things returning to normal, but reiterated he needed to find more staff before being able to completely reopen.

"Okay, so everything is great with the reopening, people have been waiting a long time for that, but still I'm having the same old problem, and that's [having] no staff," Oh told the *Echo*. "People are happy and smiling because [the restrictions] lifted, but I can't smile because there's no one to hire right now."

Oh said he has had to reduce his hours, with Maple Avenue only open five days per week rather than the seven days he'd like to be open. The restaurant has also had to scale back its breakfast service.

He's hoping that now restrictions have been lifted on the restaurant industry, he'll be able to find new staff.

"In the kitchen we are OK, but we need servers. All we ask is for people to have smart serve, I don't even ask for experience," Oh said. "With the restaurant being closed [for months], staff left. Now we're open, I need new staff... This is a good step forward, to become a little more normal, but still there is a big, big issue, and that's staffing."

Volunteers needed to help run youth sailing club

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Help make this summer a nautical highlight for youth by volunteering for the Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association.

Entering its third year of operation, the sailing association is a community initiative and offers a unique experience for youth and young adults with an introduction to sailing, but also an opportunity to feel empowered and confident.

Robin Carmount, who only began sailing a few years ago, started the association in the hopes of getting young participants outside to spend time at the lake to learn and to laugh.

"Some of these kids they don't really have any hobbies outside of their daily routine, right? A lot of them sit inside and play video games ... I think it's a really

cool concept where at the end of the summer, when they get to go back to school, when the teacher says, 'what did you guys do for the summer?' They can say they went sailing. Like how many people get to say that they got to sail all summer, right?"

He adds the participants come away with a comprehensive understanding of sailing, including nautical terms.

The community have been an invaluable partner in this endeavour to benefit youth, including local businesses such as the Red Umbrella Inn where it started, and which continues to host the association and store the 15 boat fleet.

This programming depends on its volunteers and their dedication.

"The more volunteers we have the more times and days that we can get out sailing. Let's say we had four volunteers that could come out every night of the

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1971 Haliburton Huskies, champions now and forever

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's been fifty years since the 1971 Haliburton Huskies captured the Highlands' one and only Ontario Hockey Association D title, but few who played or saw the championship final game will ever forget it.

This October, the team will be inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame and the story of their amazing season, capped off by the championship title will be immortalized forever for future generations.

Not every member of the Ontario Hockey Association D champions 1971 Haliburton Huskies is alive today, but for those that remain there is a recognition of how special that year was for them and the community that cheered them at home and on the road, who still have them in their hearts.

The Huskies were a strong team with an ability to know where each other were at any given time in a game. They liked each other and supported one another. The team was formidable, having only lost five games all season before they squared off against the bigger Exeter Hawks in the final, who some say were the favourites.

The team's manager at the time was Scotty LaRue, who can still remember the nervousness of the final minutes of the championship final with close to 1,500 fans in attendance, which was won by the Huskies 6-5 over the visiting Exeter Hawks.

"The year before we went right to the final, seventh game and lost. I didn't want that to happen the second time. It was pretty exciting and nerve-wracking. Bob Woodcock was our captain and he got a penalty right near the end of the game, so we were short-handed and one goal ahead," he said. "If you can imagine everyone was right on the edge [of their seat]. People were just screaming ... we had Derrell Stamp and Jim Cowen killing the penalty. I forget what defence pair were on, but they did a hell of a job before the buzzer finally went. It was just a big sigh of relief and a big bunch of joy and a lot of weight coming off your shoulders knowing you're the OHA junior D champions."

Stamp, who was a forward with the team, said he remembers the mixed feelings he had.

"We were all feeling the pressure, but our team was confident at the same time. The arena was packed and the fan support was tremendous with fans from all over the county and other parts of central Ontario," he wrote in an email. "Our reaction when the final buzzer went off was the same as it is today on championship teams, with team members, both players and management mobbing each other, hugging and laughing and sharing in the sheer joy of the moment. Many of the fans jumped on the ice to share in the celebration."

He said part of the pressure to win was brought on by the way the Hawks had lost the year before.

Norwich came back from a 3-0 deficit in the seven game series, taking the last four games.

The major factor, Stamp said, was when Norwich erased a 4-1 deficit in the third period of game four when the Huskies' goalie was injured. The goalie didn't play again that series.

"We could never regain our composure after that and Norwich came back and beat us four straight to win the championship. No doubt the experience gave us the confidence and determination we needed the next year to go all the way, although I have to say it was not easy as it also went the full seven games," he wrote.

The championship win was followed by a raucous party at the LaRue home, where everyone seemed to come and go until the wee hours of the next morning. Ask anyone what happened and everyone laughs, saying little.

At 20, John Parish of the Highlands was among the older players on the team then and helped to keep order on the strong, skilled squad that lost only five games all season before they played the nail-biter against the visiting Exeter Hawks. He also attributes their success to strong upbringing and to the quality coaching staff.

Parish was a rushing-style defenceman, who shared the blue line with the team's captain Bob Woodcock.

"We played hockey hard and we practiced hard ... everybody looked out for one another. Everybody knew one another very well. It was just a good team," he said.

Woodcock has since passed away, but is not forgotten by his defence partner and friend.

Parish characterized his linemate as a humble and thankful person for a lot of things, especially the team's camaraderie.

"He was quite a player to play with. He was a heads up player and set up a lot of plays," he said. "There's a lot of players still alive and there are a few of them missing and it's too bad we're missing the people that can't



It was the year that Haliburton stood still. There were more than 1,600 people, who saw the Haliburton Huskies beat the Exeter Hawks 6-5 in game seven to capture the Ontario Hockey Association Junior D championship in 1971. The Huskies are being inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame this October. Lewis Dummit, from left at front, Craig Stamp, A.J. LaRue, owner, Bob Woodcock, Scotty LaRue, manager, Barry McElwain and Dennis Good. Curry Whittaker, trainer. From left, middle, Jamie Carroll, Gord Scheffee, Danny Carpenter, Jeff Campbell, Bev Hicks, Rick Dunsford, Rick Wood, Roger Bain, and Bob Nichol, trainer. George Nicholls, coach, from left back row, John Wilson, John Parish, Cam Botting, Larry LaPorte, Jim Cowan, Derrell Stamp, and Ray Scott. /Submitted by Scotty LaRue.

see themselves in the Hall of Fame."

Parish said the team's coaching staff was led by George Nicholls, who he called "second to none" as far as coaches go.

"He could have probably coached in the NHL," he said. "He could manage them and handle [everybody well]. He was soft spoken. He never yelled and could relate to the kids – the teenagers at that time. We were all welcomed at his house. We spent a lot of time there. All of us. He was a great man," he said.

Also with the team was Nicholls' son, Bernie. His young son was the stick boy and went on to be drafted by the Los Angeles Kings in 1980 and went on to score 1,209 points in 1,127 games.

"Bernie was at the arena constantly. He was so keen to have a hockey stick in his hand all the time," former player Rick Dunsford of Fenelon Falls remembers.

Bev Hicks, who was a 15-year old winger with the team, said he was taken aback when LaRue asked him to try out for the team that went on to win it all. It was only a year before that Hicks was a fan in the stands. He remembers going to all the Huskies home games, including being in attendance for that heartbreaking loss in the final to Norwich a year before.

"I remember those days. The arena was always full and that team that lost to the Norwich Merchants. They were up 3-0. They had to win one more game and lost the next four. I just remember how upset, how heartbroken everyone was, disappointed that they kind of let it slip out of their hands. It's kind of like the Leafs ... same feeling," he said.

He said the entire year was a highlight for him after playing bantam hockey in Minden.

It was challenging, he said, to go from being among the older bantam players to being among the younger junior players. What helped him get through the season was the help of teammate Craig Stamp, who was among the older players.

Dunsford remembers being a 17-year-old from the suburbs of Toronto when he joined the team, which was a year before the championship season.

"For me it was like winning the lottery. I couldn't believe how much fun it was and, yeah, it was a major, major adjustment in my life, but it was great. I met my wife up here and life is good," he said.

His wife Pam Windover (now Dunsford) then of Minden always came out for Huskies games. It was what everyone did back then. She had added incentive to see her boyfriend (now husband) Rick play.

"The place was packed because it was your total entertainment [for] all ages. Oh, my gosh. I'm a teenager. The grey hairs are there celebrating and cheering on the team just as much as every student that went to high school. I remember that excitement. You went no matter what the weather," she said.

Dunsford said he is proud to have played in Haliburton, where other great hockey players had also played

such as retired NHLer Bernie Nicholls and current Nashville Predators player Matt Duchene.

This team never would have happened without Albert John "Ab" LaRue.

It was part of his grand plan to bring a junior hockey team to the community. He always wanted a hockey team that would capture the imagination of the community. However, this required a replacement of the outdated arena and its natural ice with a modern arena with artificial ice. LaRue led the charge where he also led construction efforts. Once the arena was set to be completed he lobbied the Ontario Hockey Association for a hockey team. Once the team was granted to play it only took five years for the Huskies to win a championship.

After 50 years, Stamp, like other players such as Dunsford, Hicks and Parish, said they will never forget the support from the community.

"We often had bus loads of people accompany us to out of town games and in the home town games on Saturday nights the arena was always buzzing with excitement. Also, I should mention that parental support and encouragement was an important element for all of the players. I look back at it as a wonderful time in my life and that of the community," Stamp wrote in an email.

LaRue said it wasn't unheard of for fans to travel more than 200 miles and stay overnight at a hotel to support the team at road games.

The large crowd support often gave players a reminder of who they played for.

"You pick up the puck or something like that and you can hear the crowd pick up and cheer. You score or give a good pass or whatever. You're there to prove we're here to win it for you guys," Parish said.

Stamp calls it an honour to be part of the team that will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this October.

"It was a big event at the time, from the LaRues obtaining the junior D franchise, to the Ontario Hockey Association and the whole County of Haliburton getting behind the team and helping the players and coaches mould together over a short number of years to build an Ontario Junior D Championship team," he wrote.

The Hall of Fame is about recognizing, but it is also about showing what is possible to the next generation.

"For young kids growing up and to get a chance to look in, whether it's hockey, football, or any of the other sports, Olympics, I think it just says a small town can do a lot more than just sit back and not participate in sports. You can achieve wide recognition, if you really put your heart to it," Parish said.

Stamp said the story about the championship is something he won't forget ever, but it can also serve to young people as proof about what can be achieved.

"Future generations can look upon the championship team as an example of what can be accomplished when people join together to accomplish a common goal. It is the joy that is shared during the journey that marks our milestones in life."

Student bursary application deadline coming up

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Staff Reporter

Getting a hand up in life is important for young people and the Wilberforce FUNraising Group bursary is looking to do just that with a bursary for a successful applicant.

Worth \$500, the bursary will be awarded to a graduating high school student, who resides in Wilberforce and surrounding area and is pursuing post-secondary education, requiring financial assistance related to university, college or

apprenticeship programs.

To be eligible, students must complete an application before the Aug. 15 deadline.

Applications will be reviewed and students that not only have achieved high academic standing, but also demonstrates creativity and community service will be considered. Successful applicants will only be contacted. Preference will be given to a student entering their first year of post-secondary education.

Kathy Rogers, who is a member of the Wilberforce FUNraising Group, said in an email that retiring principal for Wilberforce Elementary School and Cardiff Ele-

mentary School Elaine Fournier asked the community to direct gifts for her be put towards helping fund the bursary.

"Education has always been so important to Elaine, she has worked with many children over the years and how thoughtful of her to still be assisting children as she retires to enjoy some well deserved [time] off," she wrote in an email.

Early last week, the total for the bursary was \$770.

It's made Rogers optimistic that there will be two bursaries offered like last year.

Last year, there were two bursaries worth \$500 given to two students. The additional one was made possible from an

anonymous donation. The money helped Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduates Chelsea Flynn of Wilberforce and Sydney Little of Harcourt with purchasing equipment for their schooling and training.

Fournier told the *Echo* the FUNraising Group is doing important work for the students in Highlands East.

"This grass roots, local community based volunteer group is making a tangible difference for the students in Highlands East by providing additional funds to support post-secondary education. Post secondary education can be cost prohibitive for many students and for the students of Highlands East, even more so given our geographic location, which often necessitates travel and accommodation. I am thrilled that those wishing to honour my retirement through a donation have been so generous," she wrote in an email.

Fournier adds the motivation for her to ask donations be given in lieu of gifts to her was "the privilege of being a part of the educational journey of so many students over the years has been a gift and I thought it only fitting to find a way to give a gift back to them upon my retirement."

The deadline for applications is Aug. 15. All applications will reviewed by the FUNraising Group. The successful applicant will require a copy of proof of enrollment/registration before the bursary is released. For more information contact Joan Barton by phone at (705) 448-3074 or email joan4196@gmail.com

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This grass roots, local community based volunteer group is making a tangible difference for the students in Highlands East.

— Elaine Fournier



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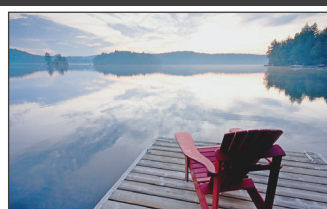
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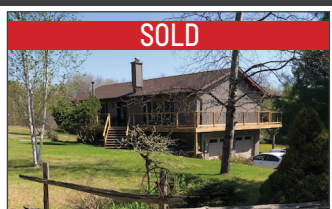
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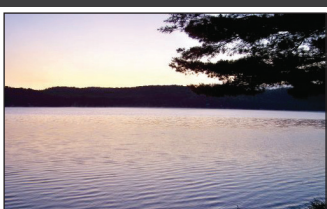
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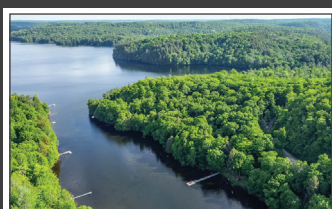
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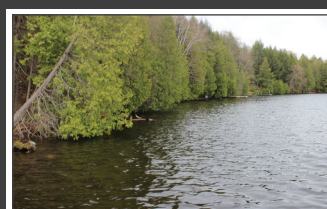
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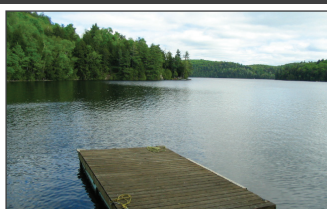
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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Calls balls and strikes
 - 4. Turkish officer
 - 9. Repaired shoe
 - 14. Grass genus
 - 15. Small, sealed vial
 - 16. Primp
 - 17. Immoral act
 - 18. A tool to communicate
 - 20. Crumbles away
 - 22. Egg-like
 - 23. Districts (abbr.)
 - 24. Dressed
 - 28. Small island (British)
 - 29. Dialect of Chinese
 - 30. Force unit
 - 31. Borderlines
 - 33. Norse gods
 - 37. Morning
 - 38. Fiddler crabs
 - 39. Tell a story
 - 41. Consumed
 - 42. Atomic #58
 - 43. About old Norse poems
 - 44. Fencing swords
 - 46. One-time Tigers third baseman
 - 49. Southpaw (abbr.)
 - 50. Neither
 - 51. Conversations
 - 55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation
 - 58. Cyprinids
 - 59. Appropriate to a festival
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Unhappy
 - 2. Silk fabric
 - 3. Unbroken view of a region
 - 4. Middle Eastern territory
 - 5. ___ and Andy, TV show
 - 6. Central processing unit
 - 7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - 8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
 - 9. Weapon
 - 10. Delivered a speech
 - 11. Probably going to happen
 - 12. Midway between northeast and east
 - 13. Danish krone
 - 19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)
 - 21. Fall slowly in drops
 - 24. Bestow an honor upon
- 25. Childishly silly
 - 26. Related on the mother's side
 - 27. Populations of related plants
 - 31. Coherent
 - 32. Tribe of ancient Britons
 - 34. Financial firm Goldman ___
 - 35. Stephen King thriller
 - 36. Went in again
 - 40. Commercial
 - 41. Poking holes in the ground
 - 45. Prisoners of war
 - 47. Pursued pleasure
 - 48. ÖSeinfeldÖ character
 - 52. Body of water
 - 53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
 - 54. People who utilize
 - 56. Nostrils
 - 57. Inner mass of some fungi
 - 59. Honor lavishly
 - 60. Midway between east and southeast
 - 61. Turn down
 - 62. Small round mark
 - 63. Expected at a certain time

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week then we would sail every night of the week," he said.

There are eight volunteers now, Carmount said. Volunteers with sailing experience are preferred.

"A lot of people that come to us have sailed in their youth and haven't done it for years. They just need a refresher. Anybody that has had any previous coaching, or teaching experience. That would be more ideal," he said. "Maybe someone that can volunteer with transportation, picking up kids, if need be."

He adds drivers don't necessarily require sailing experience, but can be trained to sail.

The association's first night is scheduled for this Thursday, July 15 and will continue until mid-September, which is based on temperature and water levels of Twelve Mile Lake close to the Red Umbrella Inn.

New this year, the participants will be working towards three different levels of sailing education: gold, silver and bronze. Carmount said before the season he reached out to various sailing instructors for an example of what could be taught to participants. One response included the sailing syllabus offered at Camp Timberlane, which is loosely based on the levels of achievement outlined by the United Kingdom's sailing body, the Royal Yachting Association. Bronze is an introduction to sailing while silver builds on what is learned and then applies theory on the water, and then a demonstration of advanced skills are rewarded with the gold level.

Any time not spent in a boat on water can still present a chance for fun with swimming and fishing, Carmount said.

Unlike last year, all of the volunteers are vaccinated this year.

He said due to the risks associated with COVID-19 there is not an effort to add new participants at this time. COVID-19 protocols such as social distancing and, if

that cannot be practised, than a mask is required to be worn, Carmount said.

"We're still trying to establish ourselves and get organized," he said.

This year the association is looking to bring sailing to youth in Wilberforce instead of bringing participants to the Red Umbrella Inn. Carmount said he's looking at arranging a pick-up of participants and have them driven to a lake in the Wilberforce area.

The plan is to be able to avoid the challenges that stood in the way for participants in that area.

"It was just one of those things. We were calling and emailing and weren't getting any replies It's a 100-kilometre round trip for them and these kids, for whatever reason during the day, their parents aren't available or they can't drive that far. It's a 100-kilometre round trip for them and it's probably a 200-kilometre round trip for our volunteers, so I thought we have extra boats. Let's put a boat in Wilberforce and designate it as a Wilberforce boat and we'll pick them up and take them for a sail," he said.

Carmount welcomes monetary donations, but will accept sailboats in good condition, which could be resold to benefit the association to cover expenses such as insurance. A tax receipt for the donation can be provided. Another method for funds will come from a rental service at the Red Umbrella Inn. This was possible through the association's donation of a sailboat to the inn. Last summer, he said, the inn was having people ask about rentals upon seeing the fleet of boats on shore.

Carmount said the opportunity is about giving youth a memorable experience as it is about education about sailing.

"If a kid comes home knowing the back of a boat is called the stern than that's a success," he said.

For more information email mindoverwater2019@gmail.com or call (705) 455-2876.

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County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current High Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to Date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	1	7	0	123	121	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	13	21	0	1,139	1,081	50	45	13
Northumberland	0	0	0	946	929	32	17	0
Total***	14	28	0	2,208	2,131	85	63	13

One new case in Haliburton County

As of Monday, July 19 there is one active case of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, with seven high-risk contacts. This brings the total number of cases in the area up to 123 since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020. There are also 13 active cases of COVID-19 in the City of Kawartha Lakes. /Screen shot



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Walk-in vaccination appointments available in Minden

MIKE BAKER

Editor

There are around 40,000 eligible individuals who reside within the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit [HKPRDHU] jurisdiction that have not yet received a first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine, says local medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.

During a media briefing last Wednesday, July 14, Bocking said the health unit's number one priority heading into the summer months is ensuring all residents have access to the vaccine.

"We are continuing to encourage youth and adults, families, and community organizations that work in support with them, and work places to encourage individuals and support access to vaccinations so that we can see our communities reach the highest coverage we can for both first dose and second dose vaccination," Bocking said.

Across the region, for individuals aged 12 and over, 76.5 per cent of HKPR residents have received one dose of vaccination as of June 14. In total, 51.2 per cent have received two doses of vaccine.

Walk-ins encouraged

Over the past week, HKPR has been expanding access to the vaccine, offering walk-in appointments at its five mass immunization clinics, including the one in Minden.

"Any age, any dose. It could be your first or second dose," Bocking said. "We are receiving a lot more vaccine, which means we can offer more... opportunities for people to get vaccinated. Our goal is to vaccinate as many residents as possible so we can all be protected from COVID and not have to see any further shutdowns, illnesses or deaths."

Walk-in appointments are available at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as clinic sites in Fenelon Falls and Cobourg.

For individuals who prefer to make an appointment, Bocking said there are around 13,000 slots still available across HKPR in July.

'Haliburton is doing very well'

As of Monday, July 19, there has been a total of 2,205 cases of COVID-19 identified across the HKPR jurisdiction since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

There are 14 active cases of the virus within the local health unit, including one new case in Haliburton County, which was reported on Friday. There are a further 13 unresolved cases within the City of Kawartha Lakes.

This marks the first new case of COVID-19 in Haliburton County in several weeks, and takes the community's total to 123.

Addressing media last week, Bocking said Haliburton County "is getting a gold star" for the way it has dealt with COVID-19 over the past 16 months.

"Haliburton is doing very well... Vaccination uptake has been excellent. There's always room for improvement, but there has been good uptake at some of the more mobile clinics in Wilberforce and Dorset, and I would encourage individuals to take advantage of those opportunities to receive a first dose or second dose of the vaccine," Bocking said.

Take what you are offered

There has been some controversy and uproar since the World Health Organization's chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan told an online media briefing last Monday, July 13 that mixing and matching COVID-19 vaccines from different manufacturers was "a little bit of a dangerous trend," however, Bocking said those comments were largely taken out of context and reiterated it was safe for individuals to receive different brands of the vaccine for their first and second shot.

"I want to remind people that the policies that have been made around vaccination in Ontario and Canada have been informed by real world evidence and data from jurisdictions like the UK, Spain and Germany, who have all used Moderna and Pfizer interchangeably, safely and effectively," Bocking said.

When vaccinations were first being offered within HKPR back in the early months of 2021, there was a

large supply of the Pfizer vaccine, which many people received for their first dose. Since then, the Moderna vaccine has been more readily available, leading to most clinic sites within the local health unit to offer Moderna shots only to anyone over the age of 18.

As the only vaccine approved for youth, doses of the Pfizer vaccine are, at this time, largely being saved and administered to individuals between the ages of 12 and 17.

"We'll continue to support this vaccination policy in Ontario and through our vaccine clinics," Bocking concluded.

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Liberal ready for a fight

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

It's time for Canadians to decide the future of this country, says the riding's Liberal candidate.

Marlene White says she and her party are ready and willing to wage a fight for people's votes in a federal election.

"With the Green Shift plan this would be a wonderful time for us to go to the polls," she said during a visit to Haliburton on Thursday. "People need to talk about this plan and its impact on our country and our planet. We need a Liberal government to be elected and in power to put these policies in place."

"I'm passionate about our country. I'm not happy with the way it's drifting and there needs to be some change."

She says it was right to wait for the country to get to know her leader, Stéphane Dion, before challenging the minority Conservative government. He was not the party's leader in the last federal election in January of 2006. "We needed some time to get to know Stéphane Dion and all of his positive qualities and see what he's keen about and his vision for Canada."

Both Dion and Prime Minister Stephen Harper are making noises about prompting an election.

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Sweet, sweet madness

Sydney Cameron, 10, of Haliburton loves her cotton candy and the Echo's Midnight Madness event on Friday, August 1 couldn't have gone any better. The Echo's general manager David Zilstra said this year's event marked the 20th anniversary. For more fun photos see page 3 and visit the photo gallery at www.haliburtonecho.ca.

Passport panic may be avoided

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

A record number of Canadians are expected to apply for passports over the next year in anticipation of stricter requirements to enter the U.S., but local MP Barry Devolin says his constituents shouldn't panic just yet.

As it stands now, anyone hoping to enter the U.S. by land or water will need a passport as of June 1, 2009, which could result in a surge of as many as 5.2 million passport applications by next April, the Canadian Press reported recently.

But in an interview with the Echo last week, Devolin said his government is now looking for alternatives that could help Canada circumvent the looming deadline and avoid huge backlogs at Passport Canada.

"What we're hoping is that we can come up with an alternative before June 2009, and that's what the government of Canada is working on," said Devolin. "People shouldn't need a passport if they're just looking to drive to Buffalo for some chicken wings."

Instead, Devolin said the government is looking at smart enhanced drivers' licences that could streamline border crossings between the neighbouring countries without the need for an \$87 passport. A pilot project is already being tested in British Columbia and Washington state.

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Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home located in the heart of Haliburton. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backyard backs onto the Haliburton Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment – head out your back door, just hop on and go! Convenient low-maintenance home. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Sunroom off the front is a bright and breezy space. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park, this is the perfect spot to settle in. This lovely family home is waiting for you.

TROOPER LAKE \$349,000



Escape to your cabin in the woods! Traditional 3-bedroom seasonal cottage nestled amongst the trees overlooking Trooper Lake. The open concept kitchen and living room have tranquil lake views. Cute little bunkie provides extra sleeping space. 100 feet of water frontage with ample privacy, private dock. Natural shoreline with deep water off the dock. Great opportunity to get into the cottage market. This property is being sold "As is where is".

CONTAU LAKE ROAD \$329,000



The perfect starter home or weekend retreat! This beautiful park-like setting offers 1.51 acres and a level, open yard. 1-bdrm & 2 baths. Open concept, pine kitchen and living area creates a welcoming space. The main floor also features a 2-pc powder room while the second floor offers one bedroom, a large sitting area with potential to be converted to a 2nd bdrm and a 4pc bath. Recent upgrades include a new propane furnace, steel roof, and hot water tank. Drilled well and septic. The log building is well built and awaits your finishing touches (flooring needed in living room and bedrooms).

BUCKSLIDE ROAD \$225,000



2 bdrm getaway property close to Camarvon, Kushog Lake, and snowmobile trail. Level, 1.1-acre lot. Open concept living area. Updates include new drywall ceiling in living room, new fixtures and drywall in bathroom, propane roughed in with outlet left for hot water tank, dryer, deck bbq and in living room for heat source and in kitchen for stove and many more. Put your finishing touches on this to make it your own.

PROVIDENCE DRIVE \$199,000



Perfect getaway spot with deeded access to Maple Lake just a few minutes away! Lovely, flat, just under an acre lot with shed and older 3 bdrm cottage. Windows and vinyl siding on site ready for you to install. You can make this cottage your own, perfect fixer-upper! Just add septic and a well and you're ready to enjoy. Perfect price to start your new cottage experience.

COMMERCIAL - EAST ROAD \$135,000



It's all about the location! This commercial lot is ideally located in the heart of Camarvon and situated on the corner of Highway 118 and East Road. The property features a charming seasonal building that dates back to the 1800's. There is hydro servicing the building but no water or septic. Tons of storage space in the attached oversized single garage with poured concrete floor. Commercial zoning and great exposure provide endless possibilities for your business.

VACANT LOTS

LITTLE GULL LAKE 0.78AC \$355,000

LOUISE LANE 35+AC \$275,000

**NEW PRICE
STILLS ROAD 1.2AC \$149,000**

NORTH (SOLD) 0.8AC \$155,000

BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD \$145,000 (SOLD)

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